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Mission:

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) is to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of chiropractic to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice in the profession. (See: <http://www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us/mission.htm>)

Statewide Outcome(s):

Chiropractic Examiners, Board of supports the following statewide outcome(s).

People in Minnesota are safe.

Context:

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners exists to protect the safety of the public by ensuring that those who practice Chiropractic in Minnesota are competent professionals who understand and abide by the Chiropractic Practice Act. The MBCE holds licensees to a standard of practice that is ethical, legal and professional. The primary customers of this agency are doctors of chiropractic and members of the public who utilize chiropractic care. The agency is a fee supported agency, deriving its revenue solely from license fees of those regulated. This agency receives no income from the general fund.

Strategies:

The Board protects the public and ensures the competency of doctors of chiropractic by:

- Reviewing the education and credentials of applicants for licensure
- Allowing externships under a licensed doctor of chiropractic for recent graduates
- Collaborating with other states to assess legal, educational and professional trends
- Approving continuing education programs and auditing licensees for these requirements
- Receiving, reviewing and if necessary investigating complaints from the public
- Initiating educational meetings or disciplinary action with licensees where necessary
- Maintaining a website with relevant information for licensees and members of the public
- Promulgating rules where additional direction may be required
- Monitoring budget data to ensure efficient utilization of fiscal resources

The Board partners with the 1) National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, which provides the necessary professional testing for licensure in Minnesota (See <http://www.nbce.org/>); 2) the Minnesota Attorney General's office as the attorney for the Board; and 3) the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, an information repository for chiropractic regulation across the United States, as well as internationally. This organization also provides a national database of disciplinary actions, assisting the Board in licensing/regulatory decisions. (See: <http://www.fclb.org/>)

Results:

A review of the performance measures (below) indicates a trend of consistent improvement. The outcomes regarding complaints against new licensees derive from two strategies employed by the Board: 1) a modification to the structure of the jurisprudence exam transforming it into a teaching tool; and 2) an annual seminar given by the Board to address current practice trends resulting in legal/regulatory pitfalls. This seminar is primarily directed toward newer licensees, although all are invited.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
Time from completed application to licensure	2 to 6 months	3 to 28 days	Improving
Number of complaints against new licensees within the first 65 months of practice	272 complaints	145 complaints	Improving
Number of violations by new licenses within the first 65 months of practice	92 violations	55 violations	Improving
Continuing Education Audit Failures through 2 ½ audit cycles:		(partial data)	Improving
Failures	5.3% to 8.2%	5.0%	
License Terminations	0.27%to 0.3%	0.0%	

Performance Measures Notes:

The time frames for the above measures are as follows:

- Application processing: “previous” is through the year 1998 and “current” is 1998-2012
- Number of complaints and number of violations of new licensees: “previous” refers to 2/2001 through 7/2006 and “current” refers to 7/2006 through 12/2011
- Continuing Education Audits: “previous” refers to the audits of 2003-2006 and “current” refers to the audits of 2007-2010, which are currently being processed and thus this information is “partial data”

The source for this information is the MBCE's Licensing Database and Staff Audit Reports.